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NCC Honors A Unique 25 Year Partnership

Volunteer Recognition Night thanks those who pitched in to help the inner city when it was neither popular nor safe to do so — and have never let up.

Many years ago a government official in Trenton commented to a caller that New Community was the only inner city venture he knew of which drew calls from suburbanites as to its progress.

Out of the ordinary... Yes, that is an apt description of this enabling partnership between urban residents and their suburban friends. Thanks to this unique bond over the years, New Community and its network member, Babyland Nursery, have constantly broken new ground toward a dignified and self-productive life for disadvantaged urban residents.

The cooperation between urban residents and their suburban counterparts has been a wonderful learning experience on both sides, resulting in a friendship undiminished by the passage of time. There were many fond reunions at the dinner arranged by New Community and Babyland in

their honor February 8th.

In 1968, volunteers raised seed money for housing and for professional advice for the small city group called New Community with such big plans in mind — a whole new community in their midst. The volunteers also addressed tutoring and voter registration needs to begin the empowerment process so necessary to self-determination.

The need for daycare allowing mothers an opportunity to get off the vicious welfare treadmill spawned Babyland Nursery, Inc., now six centers strong. Suburban volunteers came and helped with diaper changing and feeding and one suburban housewife took back to her doctor husband the news that few of these little ones had received any immunizations. So began a 25 year liaison which brought fine medical care to countless inner city residents — whether or not

they could afford it.

The stories of those honored are as varied as the talents they offered, but it was unanimously agreed by those who received them there was one thing in common — "They brought light in to our lives," said Mary Smith, Executive Director of Babyland Nursery

Bob Curvin, Director of the Urban Poverty Program at the Ford Foundation and a part of New Community in its earliest days joined the group as guest speaker. Born and raised in Newark, Mr. Curvin has seen firsthand the trials and suffering of the people of the Central Ward. He shared



It was a special evening filled with fond remembrances. See page 3 for more on these very caring people.

who welcomed this wonderful group. Arthur Wilson, President of the board of New Community announced each volunteer would have his name imprinted on a brick to go into the new recreation center being constructed, as a fitting sign of the wonderful foundation their help had been to New Community and Babyland. As each volunteer stood holding a brightly burning candle in The Priory that night the great Gothic style room glowed in fitting symbolism.

with the audience his experience with similar groups around the world, noting that he can clearly see trends in poverty worldwide — some of which are responsible for successful programs and others which cause their downfall.

"You're great," he exclaimed to the volunteers. "I travel around the world telling other community groups about what you have done. My colleagues sigh and comment, 'There goes Bob

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Kick-Off For NCC Allies For Youth



CASA President Joseph Califano speaks at the kick off press conference for Allies For Youth. Joining him seated left to right are: Bill Grinker (CASA), Peter Goldberg (Prudential Foundation), Congressman Donald Payne, and Monsignor Linder (NCC).

February 9th marked the official launching of Allies For Youth, NCC's newest program, with a kick-off press conference at St. Joseph Plaza. A division of the NCC Department of Human Services, Allies For Youth has been in the development stage for 18 months. The Program is part of the Strategic Intervention for High Youth Project (SIHRY), a nationwide, com-

prehensive, intervention and prevention research program aimed at redirecting children aged 11-13 from engaging in drugs and crime to positive behavior.

At the press conference, Joseph Califano, President of the Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA), announced that the NCC Allies For Youth project is being launched with a \$315,000.00 grant from the Prudential Foundation for the Allies For Youth program. The balance of a total grant of \$460,000.00 is being provided by the U.S. Department of Justice. Additional support for the nationwide project comes from the Pew Charitable Trust, the Ford Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the Annie Casey Foundation. This public/private partnership has awarded SIHRY grants to agencies in Newark, N.J., Seattle, Wash., Austin, Texas, Memphis, Tenn., Savannah, Ga., and Bridgeport, Conn.

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Tending To His Flock



Bishop Joseph Francis paid a special visit to the parishioners at St. Rose of Lima recently. He enjoys maintaining his close ties with the people in Newark.

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Peter Goldberg, President of the Prudential Foundation stated the Foundation's strong support of NCC's Allies For Youth program and the need to provide the children of Newark with new opportunities. Other speakers included Magr. William Linder and William Grinker, Vice-President of CASA. Mayor Sharpe James, related the city's appreciation of NCC's work with youth and the willingness of city government to help Allies For Youth to succeed. Congressman Donald Payne also attended and expressed his strong support for NCC's latest effort for youth.

Florence Williams, NCC Director of

ty Director of the Essex County Sheriff's Bureau of Narcotics, Paul Fishman, First Assistant U.S. Attorney, William Hicks NCC Director of Security, and many others. The Service Cabinet members will work with NCC staff to implement the social services and community policing elements of the Allies for Youth project.

On February 5th and 6th, New Community and CASA were also host to a conference of SIHRY project leaders of the six cities awarded grants. The conference was held at the Newark Airport Marriott. Attendees from the other cities included representatives of police departments, city government and lead community agencies.

Representatives of the Allies for Youth Project attending included Florence Williams, Raafiah Odom, NCC Director of Security William Hicks, and NCC Assistant Director of Security Fred Williams. Representatives of the Newark Police Department also attended the conference on both days.

As part of the Conference, CASA hosted a reception and dinner for the group at the Priory Restaurant on Friday, February 5th. Peter Goldberg,



Peter Goldberg
Prudential Foundation

Human Services introduced Raafiah Odom, Project Director of Allies For Youth and representatives of the Service Cabinet. They included Newark Police Director William Celester, Mary Darden, Charles Bell, and Patricia Joyner of the Newark Board of Education, James DuBose, Depu-



William Celester
Newark Police Department

President of the Prudential Foundation, introduced Msgr. Linder who gave the keynote address. On Saturday, February 6th, NCC staff took the group on a tour of NCC projects and facilities. They made several stops including the Pathmark Neighborhood Shopping Center and Harmony House. NCC Security provided assistance to them which took place in the midst of a snowstorm.

Florence P. Williams



Bill Grinker
CASA

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Health Care Containment: Can High Tech America Learn From Third World Countries?

Mrs. Hillary Rodham Clinton has been selected to head the Administration's task force on Health Care. Our Nation's First Lady was selected by her husband to undertake the Nation's \$939.9 billion health care system. It is one of the most important issues facing America today.

According to the Center for National Health Program studies at the Harvard Medical School and the Public Citizen's Health Research Group, in 1991, 726,000 more Americans were added to the list of those without health care, bringing the uninsured to a total of 35.4 million. In comparison, in 1980 17 percent were without private health insurance and by 1991, the figure had become 30 percent. Since 1980 the number of Americans covered by private health insurance had decreased by 11.4 million.

Health insurance for all Americans cannot be considered without looking at total health care expenditures. *Newsweek Magazine* estimates that health expenditures have risen 193 percent from 1980 to 1991. The consumer price index rose 63 percent during the same period. The U.S. in 1991 devoted 12.3 percent of its gross national product to health care compared to 9.4 percent in 1980.

In a Commerce Department report, U.S. Industrial Outlook 1993, the government estimates that 1993 will see an increase of 12.1 percent in health care expenditures. At the present rate, health care could cost \$1.066 trillion by 1994 and \$2.009 trillion by 1999. Hospital billings will rise 12.4 percent in 1993, while physicians' services will increase by 11.5 percent, and nursing homes 15.6 percent. In 1992, the percent of Gross National Product spent for health care rose to an all-time record of 14 percent. According to the Commerce Department, expenditures are expected to rise by 12-15 percent

per annum during the next five years, "unless significant changes in the health care delivery system occur."

When Harmony House, a transitional housing facility for homeless families, opened a few days before Christmas 1989, of the first 78 infants and pre-schoolers, none had their infant shots or if they had their inoculations, there was no record. The homeless do not go to health clinics to receive their shots. I am sure it is not easy for any single working mother to take time off from work to go to a clinic with her child—she wouldn't be working for long. In the case of Harmony House, Babyland's Pediatric Nurse Practitioner, a former public health nurse, went from apartment to apartment giving the children their shots and properly documenting each case.

Americans need to look to how we can provide health insurance for all Americans. We need to contain the cost of health care before its fast growing cost does any more damage to our economy. But, we must also look to how we provide for the health of our citizens, learning from third world countries. Yes, I do believe high tech America can learn from Africa, Asia, and Latin America. We need to bring health care into the homes and we need to make much greater use of para-professionals as part of a health team to accomplish this. Consider the high expenditures for buildings and equipment. The third world learned from need, let us learn from them and make changes out of conviction that the present method has service flaws and an alternative is needed.

Hopefully, Mrs. Clinton is the person to take on the well-vested interests if health care in America is to be improved. Improvement means containment of health care costs, significant changes in the delivery system of health care, and a universal health insurance system.

University Dental School Honors Msgr. Linder

UMDNJ-NJDS African-American Heritage Program took time on February 17th to remember "a neighbor."

Doctor Robert Saportito presented the Community Service Award to Msgr. Wm. J. Linder acknowledging the dedication of Monsignor to the community in which he lives and has worked for 30 years. Monsignor has been the visionary behind the cause to raise the quality of life for the people of Newark and spread His gospel of

empowering the poor through community-based development.

Sister Anastasia Hearne



Doctor Robert Saportito congratulates Monsignor Linder upon receiving his Humanitarian Award from UMDNJ.

Contributions To New Community Corporation

If you would like to make a memorial gift or donation to New Community it would be most welcome.

People who would like to give to New Community but don't wish to give up the earning power at the present time can assign a contribution now, but defer payment until sometime in the future.

If you would like more information, please contact Lynn Metz at Fund Development, (201) 482-0682.

A Senator Stops By



On February 19th, Senator Bill Bradley stopped to visit the residents at NC Douglas Homes during his "Urban Walk." He was welcomed by tenants committee president Alma Hanks who helped him field questions from the residents regarding urban issues. Also joining them was Mayor Sharpe James.

25 Years Of Friendship

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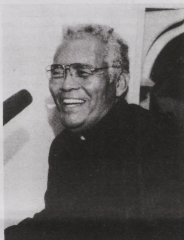
talking about Newark again,' but from my vantage point it is clear to see that you have empowered the neighborhoods. You have helped the poorest among us to reclaim their dignity. It came about as a result of years of dedication and your commitment to the belief of the mission of Babyland and New Community and you deserve to be commended."

Six people received the title "Unsung Hero" volunteers — three from Babyland Nursery and three from New Community. They had made themselves available time and time again as needs arose in the twenty-five year span. Each was called to the podium after a brief introduction to the executive staff present and other guests, who might not know of their work "behind the scenes," and presented with a stirring watercolor of children and parents at play together, beautifully painted by Kate Clancy, art instructor at St. Rose of Lima School.

A medley of songs by Emily Ross-Jukes soloist, accompanied by Warren Alston set the mood for the presentations.

Monsignor William J. Linder also voiced his appreciation for the work done by those honored and mentioned as well some of the new directions in which we are headed, especially employment training. Clothing manufacturing is also under way. Both Mary Smith's outfit and that of Gayle Chaneyfield, mistress of ceremonies for the evening, were made at the New Community Sewing Center (see Clarion, Feb. 1993).

Bishop Joseph A. Francis brought the evening to a fitting close with a prayer.



Bishop Joseph Francis shares a lighter moment with the guests.



Friends and family surround volunteer Ruby Dawson.



One of the highlights of the evening was a candlelit ceremony involving the "Light in Our Life" volunteers. Each volunteer's name was read aloud and they were presented with a lit candle. During this touching moment, Ms. Emily Ross-Jukes serenaded the crowd in song with "You Light Up My Life."



A proud Joe Chaneyfield poses with his long-time friend, Dan O'Connor.



Monsignor Linder laughs it up with many old friends during the celebration.

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New Community Corporation

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Guest speaker Bob Curvin shares his early experiences at New Community with many familiar faces.

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The Economy And Us

Interested Citizens who gathered at the main branch of the Newark Public Library for a Town Meeting on February 9 left informed and hopeful that their concerns and interests would be considered in President Clinton's meeting on the economy.

The size, implications and options of the deficit were the focus of Eagleton Institute expert, Dr. Rumando. With charts and graphs he made clear the reality of the deficit crisis and the necessity of a reduction plan that would be fourfold: fair, enhance growth, credible and well timed.

Congressman Payne, standing in for Senator Bradley who was attending Arthur Ashe's funeral, invited input from the public in attendance. Payne's own "Common Sense Budget" which calls for reinvestment domestically and preventive health care was applauded.

Suggestions from participants centered on concern about Social

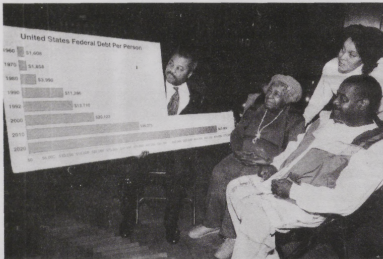
Security and the changes affecting it - longer lifespans and an older workforce resulting in more people collecting; even those with full time employment and large incomes.

Payne acknowledged the power of the Senior Citizen's lobby, stating that they were responsible for the tabling of the cost of living freeze on social security. The Congressman also touched another area of concern - the counting of Homestead Rebates as income, possibly resulting in rent increases, by stating that it is already being addressed by the legislators.

A positive voice for universal health care through HMO's was raised by one of the women. Another gentleman questioned the 4.5 billion dollar aid to Israel when we need money here.

The only negative voiced about the meeting was the fact that an afternoon meeting limits attendance.

Sister Kathleen Coll



Congressman Donald Payne discusses the astronomical federal deficit with New Community members, Georgianna Brown, Gwendolyn Alston and Robert Sinclair. The current deficit is figured to be in excess of \$13,000 per person in the United States!!

Extended Care Nurses Aim High!

Recently five nursing assistants at New Community Extended Care - Maud Jones, Elsie Koshey, Margarita Lopez, Joyce Martin and Patricia Salters - became certified as nurse aides by the New Jersey State Department of Health. These 5 nursing assistants participated in a 100 hour training course and then successfully passed the New Jersey Nurse's Aide exam.

Sabreen Dawud and Frenchie Pierce, two Registered Nurses at Extended Care, also received Certification for Gerontological Nursing Practice from the American Nurse's Association. This certification recognized their advanced knowledge and practice in caring for elderly residents.

At Extended Care we are proud of our newly Certified nurses!



Newly certified gerontological nurses, Sabreen Dawud and Frenchie Pierce discuss a patient's medical history.



We are very proud of our newly certified nurse's aides.

Msgr. Linder Invited To Rutgers As Victoria Fellow

Msgr. Wm. J. Linder has been invited to visit Rutgers University as a Victoria Fellow in Contemporary Issues from March 1-4.

An invitation to join is extended to men and women whose life and work are inextricably linked to the major public issues of our time.

The Fellowship program attempts to bring an awareness to students of issues beyond their career choice or in addition to it. Urban problems such as homelessness, lack of health care, social services and other special needs touch everyone's life. With his ex-

perience as founder of New Community Corporation, Msgr. Linder has encountered many of these problems and continues to seek, propose and provide solutions.

Previous Victoria Fellows have included Gustav Henningburg, New Jersey Civil Rights Activist; Richard J. Hughes, Governor/Chief Justice, New Jersey; Paul W. Armstrong, Chairman, New Jersey Bioethics Commission and Kathleen Di Chiara, Executive Director, Community Foodbank of New Jersey.

Foundation Scholarship Fund

The second meeting of the New Community Foundation Scholarship Fund was held at St. Joseph's Plaza on February 11, 1993. The meeting was chaired by Trustee Ralph DelDeo;

there was a total number of 17 attendees. Mr. DelDeo opened up the meeting with an announcement of a recent gift of \$25,000 to the Scholarship Fund. This brings the total of the fund to \$31,100.

The establishment of this fund and its recent activity will enable the committee to commence with the student selection process for scholarship assistance in the immediate future. There are presently 35 members of the

Scholarship Committee - the goal is to reach 50 by our next meeting - which will be scheduled shortly.

New Community Foundation Trustee Tom Kenyon, formerly the Executive Director of The Fund for Educational Advancement, Archdiocese of Newark, was available to address the committee members on his experiences with scholarship activities in the Newark area.

Subcommittees have been organized and are presently in the process of defining responsibilities in the area of fundraising, school and student selection, mentoring, and general strategic planning for scholarship activity.



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Msgr. Linder Testifies Before House Banking Subcommittee

In testimony on behalf of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions before the subcommittee on financial institutions supervision, regulation and deposit insurance of the House Banking Committee, Msgr. Wm. J. Linder, member of the board of New Community Federal Credit Union, told the subcommittee he believed that "credit unions are especially well suited to be community development lenders."

The New Community Federal Credit Union was created "when larger financial institutions failed or failed us," he told the subcommittee. Serving our community was not profitable and frankly no one in authority cared about our community, he related.

Until now NCCFU has been limited to small member loans, but Msgr. Linder would like to change that. He would like to use our CDCU to play a more significant role in supporting the economic growth of the community.

Msgr. Linder described to the subcommittee the accomplishments in community development already in place because of the work of NCC and its subsidiaries, such as the development of over 2500 housing units, 25,000 square feet of office space, an \$11 million Extended Care Facility and a \$15 million shopping center.

The New Community Federal Credit Union with assets of over \$1.7 million represents the savings of almost 1,000 people who care about the community, he told them. It is one of 133 community development credit unions as designated by the National Credit Union Administration. This means that the median income of our members is 70% or less of the national average. As a CDCU, we are eligible for technical assistance from NCUA and we may borrow from a \$6 million revolving fund administered by the NCUA. We may accept deposits from corporations, banks and others interested in financing the development of central Newark.

"There is no need for a new type of bank or a new type of credit union" to revitalize our nation's communities, he emphasized. "Because credit unions are non-profit cooperatives, the communities they serve receive benefits as both owners and as customers. Expanded and revitalized assistance to community development credit unions could provide real improvements in the neighborhoods they serve much faster than a new program that creates a whole new type of financial institution."

He pointed out that New Community is successful because it has the active support of the people of central Newark and because it is structured to meet their needs. The residents know what their problems are and therefore what their needs are. The key to success is the individual combination of affiliates to fit specific neighborhoods and the motivation of the owners/managers. It is not the result of the type of charter.

Possible Solutions

"For credit unions - help is needed with training, seed capital and attracting deposits. This could be done by increasing the Community Development Credit Union Revolving Loan Fund from its current \$6 million to \$25 million or more. As circumstances improve CDCU's would repay the loans allowing this assistance to be passed on to new CDCU's."

"Allow existing credit unions to deposit \$100,000 into a CDCU, with interest paid at the Year T-Bill rate by the loan fund instead of the CDCU."

"Grant banks that make such deposits double credits towards

meeting their Community Reinvestment Act requirements. Currently banks can receive CRA credit for making deposits into low income credit unions located in their service areas."

"Provide professional assistance in training personnel. This could be handled by NCUA, one or more trade associations or by an independent non-profit organization. This does not mean running the credit union - with training local people are perfectly capable of running it. We need an entity that can provide seminars and refresher courses for those already working with a CDCU; the same group could also develop a training and certification program that CDCU directors and management would go through before a new CDCU opened. It would be helpful if that same organization could also administer a clearing house that would recirculate start-up equipment and furniture to new or growing CDCU's," he told the group.

"Encourage existing credit unions to commit to providing assistance and equipment to CDCU's. A way to encourage this would be to give the donor credit towards their NCUA operating fees."

Msgr. Linder also asked for "help in meeting the credit needs of our communities." This would mean enabling CDCU's to assist with creating jobs. While credit unions cannot make small business loans they can make individual loans up to a maximum of \$25,000 that the individuals can use for business purposes.

"I do not believe that most credit unions should become small business lenders," he stated, "but I do believe that the \$25,000 limit should be raised to \$50,000 for CDCU's, to provide extra flexibility, perhaps on a case-by-case basis. These loans would help many smaller businesses in areas served by community development lenders to open or expand, and they could be instrumental to allowing neighborhoods to 'grow themselves to prosperity.'" He emphasized that the loans would not be "charity loans or high risk lending, and that each loan would have to be individually considered using current credit union loan criteria, and be properly collateralized."

The National Association of Federal Credit Unions strongly supports a viable and realistic program of assistance to these organizations and urges the subcommittee to consider utilizing the existing CDCU program as an avenue towards community development, he stated.

"Credit unions have been meeting the needs of their members/owners for decades. Because the active involvement and support of the neighborhoods is essential to the success of a community development lender, credit unions are especially suited to this role," said Linder to the subcommittee as he concluded his testimony.

Senator Lautenberg Donates Portion Of Pay Raise To Harmony House

On February 8, 1993, Senator Lautenberg held a press conference in the lobby of Gateway III in Newark where he announced his second consecutive Congressional pay raise give away.

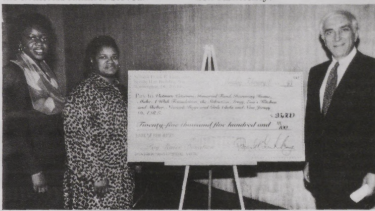
Senator Lautenberg opposed the 1992 federal salary increase. Given his opposition and his public service commitment, Senator Lautenberg selected social service projects that he held in high regard to receive his pay raise.

New Community Harmony House was one of seven (7) organizations to share in the Senator's \$25,500 pay raise give away.

Harmony House received \$2,500 for the homeless families served.

Jeanette Page-Hawkins, Administrator, and Wilhelmina Jones, resident of Harmony House, were present for the press conference to offer their appreciation.

Ms. Jones is one of the 102 adult residents that will benefit from Senator Lautenberg's contribution. She is a grandmother who is raising her two (2) grandchildren, ages two (2) and six (6) years old. Ms. Jones and her grandsons have been residents at Harmony House since June 1992. She is presently enrolled in the New Community Home Health Aide Program which she reportedly is doing well. Contributions, such as the Senator's assist homeless families towards self-sufficiency.



Senator Frank Lautenberg graciously donated his congressional pay raise to organizations that he strongly believes in. NCC Harmony House was one of them. Thank you Senator Lautenberg!

Douglass-Harrison Continues Revitalization

The Douglass-Harrison apartment complex was acquired by NCC on August 15, 1983. It is made up of two rows of twenty-four, five and six story apartment buildings. Located on Barclay and Somerset Streets deep inside Newark's Central Ward, the 750 units that make up this two block complex were built in two stages in the 1930's by the Prudential Insurance Company. Prudential owned and managed the buildings until their transfer to New Community Corporation.

Since then, NCC has tried to bring its own unique blend of management, maintenance, security, and social services to the citizens of Douglass-Harrison. Most recently, NCC has

ing connected with all of the apartments. The buildings entrances have been given new exterior lights to bolster security in the area. NCC is also engaged in the repair and replacement of the extensive steam pipe system in the complex that supplies our tenants with heat and hot water daily.

In addition to the above mentioned projects, NCC is engaged in the process of rehabilitating 57 units for tenant occupancy. These units will be completely refitted with new floors, smoke alarms, new bathrooms, new kitchens and completely repainted. Besides being redecorated these units are receiving complete mechanical inspections and repairs.

The improvements being made now at Douglass-Harrison are just part of NCC's ongoing commitment to improve the quality of life for the residents of Douglass-Harrison and all of the citizens of Newark.



One of the many rehabilitation efforts at Douglass-Harrison involves resurfacing the outside of some of the buildings.

been engaged in a multi-faceted revitalization of the complex. The ongoing construction includes extensive repairs to the roof areas and structural masonry. All of the building entry doors are being replaced and fitted with intercoms that are currently be-

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Governor Appoints Jim DuBose To NJ Martin Luther King Jr. Commission

Congratulations are due to James DuBose, Deputy Director of the Essex County Sheriff's Bureau of Narcotics and former NCC Director of Security, whose latest achievement is appointment to the New Jersey Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. Jim was sworn in with 20 other new Commission members, by Governor Jim Florio, in a ceremony held in the Rotunda of the New Jersey Statehouse in Trenton.

A large crowd of well wishers heard

Governor Florio express his support for the Commission and pride in their accomplishments. The Governor also welcomed Jim DuBose as a Co-Chair of the Commission. As many people know, Jim DuBose also writes a column on African-American history for the Clarion. For Black History Month Jim created a memorable exhibit on the black church which was displayed in the Atrium of St. Joseph Plaza.

Florence Williams



Former NCC security director James DuBose is congratulated by Secretary of State, David J. Dalton, after being sworn in by Governor Florio as co-chairman of the 45 member Martin Luther King, Jr. state commission.

The Hispanic Youth Care Enough To Make A Difference



Our young people join together to clean up around New Community Manor Senior, cleaning and making the area more presentable for the seniors. Juan Aponte also assists our security guard Ms. Linda May help Mrs. Mohamad, who is incapacitated, into her wheel chair in the building.

Even In The Snow

Babyland 6 has one of the finest staffs with whom I have ever had the pleasure to work. Friday, February 12th, the last day before a 3 day weekend and the day of a big snow storm, all the Babylands but 6 had closed.

I went in that day to find business as usual. Teachers were happily chatting with the parents and classes were being conducted with the same joy and loving care that they always are.

Yes, they know we were the only center open and yes, they too trudged through the snow. But no one complained at all. We even had a Valentine's Day Party for the children.

Three cheers to the Babyland 6 staff.



Officer Of The Month: David Fitzgerald

It is not always the officer that saves someone's life or effects the most arrests that becomes the officer of the month at New Community. Sometimes it is the officer that goes about his or her work in a quiet yet diligent manner, while maintaining a positive attitude and professional manner at all times. Security officer David Fitzgerald is one such officer.

Officer Fitzgerald came to New Community after retiring from the Newark Housing Authority as a housing fireman. It was during his 25 years there that he became friendly with Joe Chaneyfield, an NCC board member, who suggested that he come work for New Community upon his retirement. He has worked as a security officer for over five years and has been stationed over at the NCC/Pathmark Shopping Center since it opened.

Officer Fitzgerald, who originally hails from the Washington, D.C. area, is also a Korean war veteran. He

achieved the rank of private first class in the U.S. Marine Corps, before becoming wounded. Following that he moved to New Jersey in search of better job opportunities. He has also been married to his wife Bernice for nearly 40 years.

"Reliable, reliable, reliable" is how security director William Hicks describes officer Fitzgerald. "When Fitzgerald is on duty, I know that the job is being done and I don't have to worry about anything on his detail. He also sets a great example for the rest of the force by always being on time," says director Hicks.

Although he will be retiring in June, officer Fitzgerald will truly miss his friends and co-workers at New Community. "I enjoy working in the security department with my fellow officers. I also really like working at the Pathmark; it's challenging and I like working with the senior citizens."

Congratulations, officer Fitzgerald!



Security officer David Fitzgerald proudly accepts his officer of the month award from Director Hicks.

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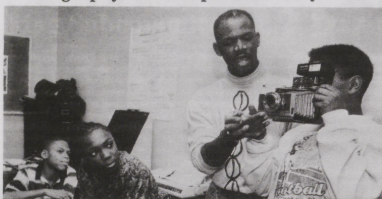
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Photography Workshop At Harmony House



When most children are handed a camera, faces of friends and family occupy most of the first rolls of film—and many never go beyond that. For six young people at Harmony House that will not be true however, since before the camera sits in their hands they will have learned some basic elements of what is considered a uniquely modern art form.

Thanks to a cooperative association with the Boys and Girls Clubs of North Newark, a five month photography workshop, under the skilled direction of Mansa K. Mussa will allow them to actually learn a skill while having lots of fun.

The workshop will provide an historical overview of photography, demystify the camera, instruct participants in the use of the Minolta

X-370N camera and teach the development and printing of black and white film.

A fundamental understanding of art itself—composition, texture, contrast, shape, form and movement—will take up the first month of the course. Areas of study will encompass fashion, sports, portraits, photo journalism, environment and color.

The young people, aged thirteen and older, will enjoy trips and visit photo exhibits in the tri-state area.

An introductory meeting with refreshments and music started off the photo workshop in a festive mood.

Photography is a skill that can lead to a life-long hobby or a promising career. We wish our six participants the experience of a lifetime.

Harmony House Seeks Volunteers To Read To Children

The children at Harmony House go on some amazing adventures. Recently, they traveled back to the 1800's, made friends with ghosts, toured a chocolate factory and met Jesse Jackson! How? By participating in the Newark Literacy Campaign's "I Can Do That!" Family Literacy Project and discovering the many joys of reading. "I Can Do That!" demonstrates that the single most powerful reading lesson we can give to our children is to read to them from books they love. If you really want to make a great difference in the lives of young people, and have as little as one hour a week to spare, volunteer to read to young people at Harmony House.

According to Albert Workfield, the Youth Program Coordinator at Harmony House, "This project is not geared to teach children to read directly, but rather to help children fall in love with reading. It makes reading a fun, everyday activity. At first, young people are a little apprehensive, then the books draw them in. I've seen very young children who start to read and recognize words, and they don't even realize they're learning to read. They just know how much fun they're having listening to the stories and following along in their books!"

The "I Can Do That!" Family Literacy Project was launched in 1991 by the Newark Literacy Campaign. According to Kimberly Bagley, Project Coordinator, "We've more than doubled in size in just one year. Today, we're serving more than 1,000 young people at 14 sites in Newark, opening six new sites in February alone. With this kind of growth, our biggest challenge is to



continually recruit the volunteers we need."

The project has been in operation at Harmony House for nearly two years. If you have a love of reading and can contribute one hour a week or as little as two hours a month, call Jennifer Olear or Albert Workfield at Harmony House, 623-8555. Volunteers can select the days most convenient for them and the program meets as follows: Monday from 6-7 p.m. (ages 5-7), Tuesday from 6-7 p.m. (ages 8-9), Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. (ages 10-12) and Thursday from 6-7 p.m. (ages 13 and older). Volunteers read to children in small groups of no more than seven, and every volunteer receives training and support from the Newark Literacy Campaign. To learn more about the special project, contact Kimberly Bagley at Campaign headquarters, 623-4001.

NC Roseville Report

Representatives from the Essex County "Sharing and Caring Program" visited N.C. Roseville on the morning of February 12th. This is a senior citizen outreach program, sponsored by Essex County. Many of Roseville's tenants attended this 10:30 a.m. meeting in our spacious community room.

Lasting only one hour, the meeting

featured a film starring John Astin (of the Addams Family TV series). He explained the dangers of drinking alcohol and taking drugs—even medicines. He also urged older people to be "Welderly." This is a way for older persons to live comfortably without the clutter of mood-changing chemicals that can confuse the mind and imperil their bodies.

R. Steve Perkins

Look What's Cooking

On a gorgeous, unseasonably warm day in February, a group of residents at the New Community Extended Care Facility met under the direction of Food Service Director, Mrs. Bernice Steed, and formed a meal planning committee.

At their first meeting, refreshments were served to committee members: Grace Provenzano, Mary Smiles, Elizabeth Wilson, Margaret Harden, Mildred Thomas, Maggie Dunmack, Bernice Tyler, Natha Billington, Ruth Holmes and Joe Cogdell. They noshed on a fresh vegetable crudite with a scrumptious ranch dip prepared by Chef Joe Rodriguez, and quenched

their thirst with a delicious fruit punch.

The group, who will meet once a month, gathered to discuss current planned meals and to make recommendations for special occasions. One such special occasion was Valentine's Day. The group selected for their menu: brisket of beef with mashed potatoes and gravy, peas and carrots, dinner rolls and iced tea as their beverage. Cheesecake was the unanimous selection for dessert.

Bon Appetit!

Denise Baker
Director of Activities



Mrs. Bernice Steed, standing center, discusses menu selections with members of the meal planning committee at the New Community Extended Care Facility.

Pathmark Employee Of The Month

Nichelle Horton began working at Pathmark on Bergen Street July 31, 1991 and has been "one of our stand-out cashiers," according to store manager Bill Simmons.

Nichelle has been attending Essex County College while working and will graduate in June with an associate of science degree. She already has plans to go on to Kean College and complete her degree program.

Customers like Nichelle, Simmons said, because she "goes that extra mile." They like to go through her line because of her pleasant attitude and her pleasant smile. She is like a ray of sunshine.

The upbeat cashier does a lot of reading on her breaks and enjoys talking to the other employees about what she has read.

Nichelle plans to continue with Pathmark in the office after her graduation. She is certainly an asset to the store now and Mr. Simmons feels she will be an asset to the Com-

pany in the future as well.



Nichelle Horton

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New Beginnings Spa's 8 Diet Tips For Spring

Spring is almost here, the heavy coats and sweaters are about to come off... You have to do something. Don't panic!! Follow these diet tips along with an exercise program and you can shed the winter weight.

1. **Eats lots of small meals...** split up your daily calories. If you lump these calories together they will lump on you.

2. **Don't skip breakfast...** Going long periods between meals can slow down your metabolic rate which causes you to burn calories slowly. This does not mean order the 4 plate combo at the Pancake House.

3. **Never starve yourself...** You slow down your metabolic rate when you drastically cut back food intake.

4. **Eat your biggest portions early in the day...** Food eaten well before bedtime at least has a chance of being burned off instead of stored as fat.

5. **Get most of your calories from starchy foods...** Compared to sugar, rice and bread break down slowly and are carried less readily into storage as body fat.

6. **Don't exercise on an empty stomach...** Again you are cutting your metabolic rate. That does not mean have 2 plates of the lasagna at the buffet.

7. **Workout slow and steady...** Only sustained workouts lasting 20 minutes or more burn body fat, not intense, short bursts.

8. **Watch your appetite with family or friends...** Studies show that people tend to eat more than usual when sharing meals than when alone. I see those plates in the Sandwich Shop at lunch time. You know who you are!!
P.S. Work out at New Beginnings Health Spa.

Ed Scott

Tuberculosis: Get The Facts

What Is Tuberculosis?

Tuberculosis (TB) is a disease that is spread from person to person through the air. TB usually affects the lungs. The germs are put into the air when a person with TB of the lung coughs, sneezes, laughs, or sings. TB can also affect other parts of the body, such as the brain, the kidneys, or the spine.

What Are The Symptoms Of TB?

General symptoms may include feeling weak or sick, weight loss, fever, and/or night sweats. Symptoms of TB of the lungs may include cough, chest pain, and/or coughing up blood. Other symptoms depend on the particular part of the body that is affected.

No One Gets TB Anymore, Do They?

YES! About 8 million new cases occur each year in the world, over 22,000 cases are reported each year in the United States. There are also an estimated 10 to 15 million people in the U.S. who are infected with the TB germ, with potential to develop TB disease in the future.

Who Gets TB?

Anyone can get TB, but some people are at higher risk. Those at higher risk include: people who share the same breathing space (such as family members, friends, co-workers) with someone who has TB disease; poor people, homeless people, foreign-born people from countries where a lot of people have TB, nursing home residents, prisoners, alcoholics and intravenous drug users (IVDUs), people with medical conditions such as diabetes, certain types of cancers, and being underweight, and especially people with HIV infection (the virus that causes AIDS).

How Can I Tell If I Have TB?

First, get a TB skin test. If it is positive, you will probably be given other tests to see if you have TB infection or TB disease.

What Is The Difference Between TB Infection And TB Disease?

People with TB disease are sick from germs that are active in their body. They usually have one or more of the symptoms of TB. These people are often capable of giving the infection to others. Permanent body damage and death can result from this disease. Medicines which can cure TB are prescribed for these people.

People with TB infection (without disease) have the germ that causes TB in their body. They are not sick because the germ lies inactive in their body. They cannot spread the germ to others. However, these people may develop TB disease in the future, especially if they are in one of the high risk groups listed under "Who gets TB?" Medicine is often prescribed for these people to prevent them from developing TB disease.

When Can I Get A TB Skin Test?

You can get a TB skin test from your doctor or local health department.

How Is The Skin Test Given?

A small needle is used to put some testing material, called tuberculin, just under the skin. This is usually done on the inside of the arm. The person getting the test must return in 48 to 72 hours to see if there is a reaction to the test. If there is a reaction, the size of the reaction is measured.

What If The Test Is Negative?

A negative test usually means the person is not infected. However, the test may be falsely negative in a person who has been recently infected. It usually takes 2 to 10 weeks after exposure to a person with TB disease for the skin test to react positive. The test may also be falsely negative if the person's immune system is not working properly.

What If The Test Is Positive?

A positive reaction usually means that the person has been infected with the TB germ. It does not necessarily mean that the person has TB disease. Other tests, such as an x-ray or sputum sample are needed to see if the person has TB disease.

What Should I Do If I Have TB Infection Or Disease?

Get required follow up tests. Follow your doctor's advice and take the medicine as prescribed. Today, TB is easily prevented and cured with medication.

For additional information, call your local Health Department.

Courtesy: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Public Health Service, Centers for Disease Control.

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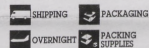


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Douglas Homes

There was a mistake in the listing of the Douglas Homes Tenants' Association Officers which appeared in the February CLARION. The new officers are:

President - Mrs. Alma Hanks
Vice President - Mr. Willie Ashe
Secretary - Mrs. Elsie Swindell
Treasurer - Mrs. Elizabeth Frankling
Acting Secretary - Mrs. Hattie Watson
Chaplain - Rev. Henry Super

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Do you remember the "Walk for Understanding"
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Did you walk in it?

Much has happened in the 25 years since 25,000 people walked through Newark and took an interest in the problems of the City.

To reflect on the past and assess the future a program will be held at Seton Hall University including exhibits, music, poetry and "Voices From the Time."

Date: March 27, 1993

Time: Registration and coffee will be at 10:30 a.m. in the main lounge of the Student Center. There will be time to view the Queen of Angels Exhibit at McLaughlin Library.

A liturgy at Queen of Angels Church on Sunday, April 25, 1993 will conclude the remembrance.

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The NCC Social Service Department is linked with the United Hospital Medical Center (UHMC) in arranging a system of coordinated health services offered through UHMC satellite centers and funded by the New Jersey Department of Health. The United Community Health Program (UCHP) provides a full range of quality health care services.

"The objective of UCHP is to improve access to primary and preventive health services and reduce the use of the emergency room for primary health care needs." This is the objective of UCHP, an ambitious, but attainable goal, according to UCHP's operating manual.

As community social workers, who are part of this program through NCC, our goal is to promote this objective through aggressive outreach methods such as, education, persuasion and ultimately registration of potential

UCHP patients. As social workers, we frequently find ourselves operating as sales people.

In the month that we have worked together, we have come to realize that many NCC tenants already have their "own personal doctor"; which has caused us to reach out beyond the NCC base, and "set up shop" at places such as the Newark and East Orange Unemployment offices. This speaks well of how NCC meets the needs of its people. The eligible population for UCHP services are those individuals who do not have a personal physician and are using emergency rooms as a source of receiving medical attention. UCHP services the greater Newark area.

Further information regarding UCHP can be provided by contacting NCC Social Services Department at 623-9207, 623-9314 or 623-9263. Felicia Johnson Erica Fields Cachene Winrow Burt A. Shadow

Newton Street School

On Wednesday, February 10, 1993, the Newton Street School Leadership Team hosted and participated in a "Circle Discussion." The discussion lent an opportunity for the leadership project directors, funders, participants, faculty/student, and interested guests to share and listen concerning the success of the program. Questions were also answered concerning the project. Those in attendance as non-participants were able to gain a better understanding of the project.

Those in attendance included: The Central Cluster Director, The Princeton Leadership Training Directors, Newton Street Leadership Team, Prudential Company (funder) representatives, a representative from Senator Bill Bradley's office Mark Schmitt, three Newark High School Peer Group representatives and their advisors and representatives of the Newton Street Parent Corps (PIC).

Mr. Willie Thomas
Principal



Joining Mark Schmitt (second from left) are Barbara Halaburda (Prudential Foundation), Sharon Rose Powell (Princeton Center for Leadership) and Willie Thomas (Newton St. School).

Black History Notes

—Researched By James E. DuBose—

Christa McAuliffe, First Teacher In Space Graduate Of Black College

The horrifying explosion of the space shuttle Challenger in 1986, killing all aboard, not only took the life of black astronaut, Dr. Ronald McNair, who was recognized world wide as an expert in laser physics, but also that of Christa McAuliffe, the first teacher in space, who was a graduate of a traditionally all black college.

Christa McAuliffe, a Caucasian Concord, New Hampshire schoolteacher who was selected from a field of 11,000 to be the first of her profession to go into space, received a masters degree in education from Bowie State College in Maryland in 1978. She was one of its most celebrated graduates. Christa was scheduled to address the commencement exercises that year as she has done in the past, to inspire those in the student body to pursue a career in teaching.

The 126 year old Bowie College is located in Prince George County. Blacks comprised 70 percent of the student population at the time and most of the administrators. Mrs. McAuliffe had a black graduate advisor, Dr. Archie Lucas. Helping handicapped children succeed in life was her thesis.

After being chosen as the first teacher in space, Mrs. McAuliffe returned to Bowie. A reception was held in her honor at the school's Thurgood Marshall Library where she renewed old friendships with professors and students. Mrs. McAuliffe was presented with an award from President James E. Lyons as an outstanding Bowie graduate. President Lyons said after her death on the shuttle, "She was not only a pioneer in space but on Earth."

NCC Pride Parent Training

Parent to Parent, a program of eight modules, provides the skills to make a positive difference in our lives and the lives of our children.

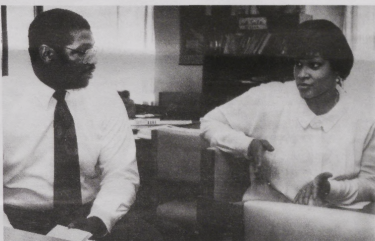
The training for Parent to Parent took place at Gardens Senior for three days. Most of the participants requested more time for discussion even though some conversations and sharing went over one hour and time had to be called to move on with the next section.

There were some positive reactions to the training. It was said "this training is the best resource in the area of

drug prevention."

"Whether the problem is defiance, arguing, drugs, sex, gangs, poor grades or even throwing toys, Parent to Parent is an effective parenting program to help us guide our children safely through childhood and adolescence."

All participants agreed that their favorite acronym of the training needed to be shared with as many parents as possible with the hope that they too would like to know more and take the opportunity to take this training.



Sharing common experiences and problems was definitely a plus for parents attending the training program. Here, Kim Tillman discusses her feelings with the group as Dennis Thomas looks on.

P UT YOURSELF IN THE WAY

As parents we want to develop a sense of urgency about our child's attitudes, environment, and activities. Assertiveness should be viewed as positive.

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We learn to recognize a potential problem within our child and identify warning signs, what we can correct ourselves, and when to seek outside help.

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Recognize the difference between children, adolescents, and adults. See how we grow from child to adult and how recognizing the difference can make the road smoother.

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Discover the value of establishing a family belief system and the importance of being a role model. There is a real message in the word 'trustworthy.'

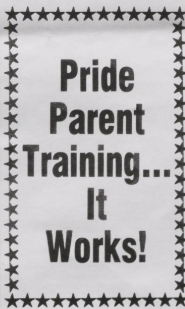
N EVER CRY ALONE

Learn how to effectively communicate with your children. Communication requires getting in touch using both words and feelings.

T AKE TIME FOR YOURSELF

Make the most of the time you have by spending it on things most important to you. Put a little breathing room in your life and develop better time management.

Sr. Anastasia Hearne



Parent to Parent enabled people from different generations to talk about their own personal experiences, a definite plus for the younger participants.

Blessed Is He Who Reads

Man recorded what he knew, and others read what he recorded. By reading man could go backward and forward in time, and wise men who had lived and died hundreds of years before could communicate their thoughts to him, and he could communicate his thoughts to people yet unborn.

Reading, a basic tool of education, is one of the most important skills in everyday life. We live in a world of printed words, and through reading we may obtain information, broaden our interests, and add to our personal pleasure. Many persons have advanced to more and better paying positions by acquiring additional knowledge and skill through reading.

Reading is a continuous source of inspiration and may change a person's outlook on life. A person who cannot read comprehensively is almost unemployable today, and is cut off from participating in many worthwhile activities in society.

Reading is influential in developing the human mind which enables men and women to act and interact compassionately and responsibly. Nothing in the world is more remarkable than the human mind, for only through our minds can we solve our problems, plan our futures, and act responsibly.

Today there is a greater need than

ever before to get the most out of our minds for the problems of life are increasing, and more knowledge, more experience and more skill than ever before are required to meet them. For this reason reading comprehensively is most important. It unlocks the accumulated knowledge of previous centuries, as well as ideas and discoveries of today, enabling the mind to tackle problems of intra human relations. To gather information solely by firsthand experience would take much time and in many instances would be impossible, thus, experience must be supplemented by reading, and from the storehouse of facts and ideas gained through reading, selecting the best to aid us in better living.

In that selection one must overlook reading the greatest book ever written, the Holy Bible, for much is to be gained by so doing, and monumental benefits may accrue. Knowledge of God gives one new horizons; a mind set free to learn and to grow; for truth, beauty, and goodness have endless forms and wide dwellings. Revelation 1:3 encourages, "blessed is he who reads... prophecy, and keeps those things which are written in it."

Lewis Graves
Springfield Branch
Newark Public Library

Our Youth Today

An exciting program that is targeted to help youth understand their cultural heritage, especially as it connects with one's personal faith and community can be found in the person of Lewis Graves and the Springfield Avenue Library. Mr. Lewis Graves is librarian, teacher, friend, and community activist to the countless students and adults who gather at the 14th Avenue and Newton Street site.

the youth to acquire not "things" but knowledge that will sustain them into adulthood. He patiently guides and directs them in the proper use of the information and material available in the visual and audio departments of the library. Our youth will discover how Black History can encourage and stimulate them to improve their lives. Lewis Graves sincerely believes that our youth must "recognize the



Lewis Graves' love for books is matched only by his interest in African-American history and culture.

He has also been a monthly contributor to the "Clarion" for many years.

Because American culture and society emphasize "speed and power" and material acquisition of "things," today's youth have difficulty distinguishing between "real" and "false" needs. The often used cliché, that economics or poverty has caused the present dysfunctional family crisis, has been over rated. We know "poor" women and men who have been gifted with talents, who have become great contributors to society. Supported by family and friends and given responsibility for their talents and actions, they lived value-oriented lives.

Lewis Graves welcomes students,

valuable contributions African-Americans have made in the United States and throughout the world. Today the challenge still remains for African-American History to be truly integrated into the school curriculum and American life."

I invite you to meet Lewis Graves and discover for yourself the immense wealth found in your own neighborhood.

Sr. Helene Trueitt, ASC

Editor's Note:

We have just learned that Mr. Graves retired on Feb. 5, 1993. He has left a wonderful legacy in the many people he has touched as well as in his faithful Clarion followers.

We wish him all God's Blessings.

Second Graders Hear About Inaugural Firsthand

The Second Grade class of St. Rose of Lima School enjoyed a visit from Monsignor Wm. J. Linder. Monsignor came to tell the class about his trip to Washington in January. Sr. Joan Lorraine, their teacher, had asked Monsignor to visit them when he returned from his special trip to the inauguration of President Bill Clinton.

The following are a few samples of the reports the children wrote about Monsignor's talk with them about what he had experienced.

He also sat next to Hillary Clinton when they had lunch. Monsignor told us about the dresses the other First Ladies wore. The dresses are in Washington too.

Joshua DeVaughn, Grade 2

Monsignor Linder came to our class and talked about the inauguration. He showed us where he sat when Bill Clinton took the oath of office as President of the United States. Bill Clinton and Hillary Clinton ate in the library with



Second graders were fascinated to hear all about Monsignor Linder's trip to Washington, D.C., to meet President Clinton.

Monsignor told us that he had a special ticket to Washington, D.C. He left on January 16th for the inauguration. Monsignor met a boy named Josh who had cerebral palsy. Josh came with his parents and two nurses to see the inauguration. Monsignor Linder sat next to Hillary Clinton at the library luncheon. Monsignor had a special ticket to see Bill Clinton take the oath of office as President of the United States.

J'von Burgess, Grade 2

Monsignor sat under the podium and watched Bill Clinton become our President. He met a boy named Josh.

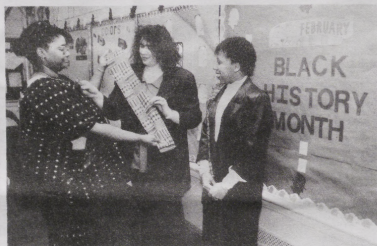
Monsignor and the other guests. Monsignor went to the Mid-Western Ball.

Ahmad Archie, Grade 2

Monsignor Linder left Newark on January 16th to go to Washington, D.C. He had a special ticket to see Bill Clinton become our president. He told us that when he went to a special luncheon, he sat with a boy named Josh. Josh's parents and two nurses brought him to the luncheon. Monsignor sat next to Hillary Clinton when they ate. He also told us about the dresses of the First Ladies that they saw.

Ginzie Milord, Grade 2

St. Rose School Celebrates Black History Month



St. Rose of Lima provides its students with many culturally enriching programs. During Black History Month, the kindergarten class was treated to a display of African-American fashions, shown here by Ms. Britton, Ms. Carey and Mrs. Wise.

Malik Is Found!

We thank everyone who cared so much about Malik. He has been found and his mother assures us that everything is fine.

It was good to know there are so many wonderful people who read the Clarion.

Save This Date!
April 30-May 2, 1993

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Newark, New Jersey

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